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Secretary
U. S. Department of Energy
Office of National Transportation
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
1551 Hillshire Drive, M/S 011
Las Vegas, NV 89134

Attention: Ms. Robin Sweeney & Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director

Re: 6450-01-P DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, RECORD OF DECISION on Mode of Transportation and Nevada Rail Corridor for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada.

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

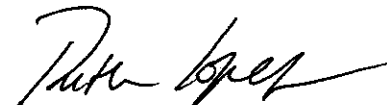
People Against Radioactive Dumping (PARD) received an unsigned letter dated April 22, 2004 in reference to the above stated "Record of Decision" stating that the public may "help define the scope for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will be developed as a result of these decisions." PARD represents the +25,000 San Bernardino County voters who signed our petition for the responsible management of nuclear/radioactive waste.

As representative of thousands of citizens, residents and voters in San Bernardino County, **PARD objects to:**

- 1) the act of transporting nuclear/radioactive waste from one county, state or country to another, from east to the west, or from anywhere to and/or through San Bernardino County,
 - 2) any further public funding of legislation, projects or paperwork processing (including EISs and Public Scoping) which would enable and lead to the act of transporting nuclear/radioactive waste from one county, state or country to another, from east to the west, or from anywhere to and/or through San Bernardino County,
- PERIOD.

Your attempts to continue shouldering the burden of liability for the dangerous and unhealthy effect of radioactive/nuclear waste upon the backs of taxpayers must STOP. The nuclear power industry must bear the burden of liability for their existing dangerous radioactive/nuclear waste, keep it on their own production site and STOP producing more. Transferring liability along with the waste, via railroads and highways, is a robbery of the health, wealth and happiness of all Americans now and for generations to come. The people of the west, particularly citizens of San Bernardino County and Southern Nevada have the most to loose from your plan, particularly since the waste you propose to transport would eventually leak and wind up in aquifers, including the Colorado River which millions of people depend on. The town of Needles, California, on the Colorado River, where waste is proposed to be hauled to the Railroad Depot and loaded on to trains, will be heavily burdened. NOT EVEN ONE PUBLIC MEETING has been held in Needles, CA.

Once again, you are asking us to go through the charade of telling you what you already know so that you can process your paperwork for a project which you intend to impose upon us no matter what we say. You already know that you are trying to make the people of the west take what the people of the east do not want. You already know that you are unfairly asking the people of the west to accept what will be a new deep concern about hijackings, terrorist attacks and accidents involving the shipments of this waste, particularly in remote desert places with little protection, like the town of Needles. So, if you intend to do this, then the first place you should hold a public hearing is Needles, California and involve the people of the entire tri-state area, including the surrounding communities in Arizona (particularly Mojave Valley, Golden shores/Topock and Lake Havasu) and Nevada (Laughlin).



Ruth Lopez
Director P. A. R. D.

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Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42)

1000 Independence Avenue SW

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Attention: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director

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ALSO COPY SENT TO OTHERS INCLUDING:

Senator Harry Reid

Senator Barbara Boxer

Senator Diane Feinstein

POST SCRIPT TO MS ROBIN SWEENEY:

Please send to PARD at the following address, a copy of the Final EIS and further information regarding the Record of Decision and/or the Notice of Intent:

Ruth Lopez, Director

People Against Radioactive Dumping (PARD)

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